

**REMARKS**

After reviewing the allowed claims incorporating the Examiner's Amendment mailed December 18, 2003, Applicants discovered some typographical errors in the allowed claims. Applicants believe that the amendments merely embody the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims and include changes discussed in the interview of December 12, 2003. Applicants also believe that such amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office. Thus, it is respectfully requested to enter the suggested amendments.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered prior to the issuance of the above-referenced patent application. It is believed that no new matter is added by this amendment. If the Examiner desires any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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